

2018 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines
Office of Congressman A. Donald McEachin

General Guidelines

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students who reside in the 4th Congressional District of Virginia. Participating students may submit entries to one of my district offices. Please confirm that you are a resident of the 4th District before submitting your entry. To confirm your congressional district, feel free to contact one of my offices. All artwork, including completed 2018 Student Information and Release Form, must be received before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018. Applicants are urged to call ahead and schedule a drop-off time.

Central Virginia District Office
110 N. Robinson Street, Suite 401
Richmond, Virginia 23220
804-486-1840

Hampton Roads District Office
131 N. Saratoga Street, Suite B
Suffolk, Virginia 23434
757-942-6050

All artwork must conform to the following restrictions:

1. All artwork must be finished, dry, and ready-to-hang.
 - All pieces must include necessary hooks, wires, or other hardware for hanging.
 - Un-framed art must be cleanly mounted (strongly secured and flat) on a properly sized stiff board (foam core, carton board, paperboard, etc.).
2. Size of frame or boards must not exceed the size limitations and are considered part of the artwork.
 - Each piece can be no larger than 26"x 26" x 4" (26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame.
3. Artwork must be two dimensional
4. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs. including the frame.
5. Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
 - Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.
6. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
7. Please attach a label to the back of your artwork with your name, school, and artwork title.
8. Presentation of artwork is important; this is a judged competition and framed artwork will, in many cases, appear more finished and could compete more strongly. Craftsmanship counts.
9. Each entry must be accompanied by the 2018 Congressional Art Competition Student Information and Release Form.

Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paintings<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.• Drawings<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers• Collage<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be two dimensional | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prints<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lithographs, silkscreen, block prints• Mixed Media<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.• Computer-generated Art• Photography |
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Exhibition and Awards for Winning Submissions

- An announcement of the winning art submissions will be made in May 2018.
- The first place entry will hang in the United States Capitol for an entire year. This piece will be delivered to the Capitol by Congressman McEachin's office and cannot be returned for one year. The second and third place winners will be displayed in Congressman McEachin's district offices for one year.
- The National Art Competition Reception for all Congressional District Winners will take place in June 2018 in Washington, D.C. The exact time and location will be announced at a later date.

*Note: Students who may need a piece for an exam portfolio or other purposes should consult with Congressman McEachin's office prior to submitting the work of art.

The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2018 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by The Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Students can retrieve their nonwinning entries from the district office where they submitted their piece for consideration in the 2018 Congressional Art Competition.